Mr. Dean Kiklis, Vice President of Reimbursement Mariner Post-Acute Network 530 Stonington Road Stonington, Connecticut 06378

Re: AC# 3-MAE-J7 – Mariner Health Care of Sumter - East

Dear Mr. Kiklis:

The accompanying report has been prepared by our office based on your Medicaid Financial and Statistical Report submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the cost report period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997. That report was used to set the rate covering the contract periods beginning October 1, 1998.

We are recommending that the Department of Health and Human Services certify an accounts receivable to recover amounts due as a result of the rate change shown on Exhibit A. You will be notified of repayment terms by that Agency.

If you take exception to this report in any manner, you have the right to appeal in accordance with the <u>Code of Laws of South Carolina</u>, 1976 as amended, Title 44, and Department of Health and Human Services Regulation R.126-150, and you must respond in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this letter. This written response must address the specific items in the report being appealed, and must be directed to the Appeals and Hearings, Department of Health and Human Services, Post Office Box 8206, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206. Any correspondence should include the control number appearing on Exhibit A of this report.

Thomas L. Wagner, Jr., CPA State Auditor

TLWjr/cwc

cc: Ms. Brenda L. Hvleman

Mr. Jeff Saxon Mr. Robert M. Kerr

MARINER HEALTH CARE OF SUMTER - EAST SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

CONTRACT PERIODS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1998 AC# 3-MAE-J7

REPORT ON CONTRACT

FOR

PURCHASE OF NURSING CARE SERVICES

WITH

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

January 13, 2000

Department of Health and Human Services State of South Carolina Columbia. South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, solely to compute the rate change and related adjusted reimbursement rate to be used by the Department in determining the reimbursement settlement with Mariner Health Care of Sumter - East, for the contract periods beginning October 1, 1998, and for the twelve month cost report period ended September 30, 1997, as set forth in the accompanying schedules. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

- 1. We tested selected costs or areas based on our analytical procedures applied to the reimbursable Medicaid program costs as shown on the Financial and Statistical Report for Nursing Homes, as filed by Mariner Health Care of Sumter -East, to determine if these costs were allowable as defined by the State Plan for Medicaid reimbursement purposes and supported by accounting and statistical records maintained by the provider. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Adjustment Report, Summaries of Costs and Total Patient Days, and Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analyses sections of this report.
- We recomputed the Computation of Reimbursement Rate using the adjusted costs and calculated the rate change in accordance with the provisions of the contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and Mariner Health Care of Sumter East dated as of October 1, 1994 as amended. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Computation of Rate Change and Computations of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate sections of this report.

Department of Health and Human Services State of South Carolina January 13, 2000

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Thomas L. Wagner, Jr., CPA State Auditor

Computation of Rate Change For the Contract Periods Beginning October 1, 1998 AC# 3-MAE-J7

		12/01/98- 12/31/98	
Interim reimbursement rate (1)	\$90.99	\$91.74	\$90.68
Adjusted reimbursement rate	84.61	85.36	85.23
Decrease in reimbursement rate	\$ <u>6.38</u>	\$ <u>6.38</u>	\$ <u>5.45</u>

(1) Interim reimbursement rate from the South Carolina Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Provider Rate Listing dated December 3, 1999

Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate For the Contract Period October 1, 1998 Through November 30, 1998 AC# 3-MAE-J7

Contra Cubicat to Standards:	Incentives	Allowable Cost	Cost Standard	Computed Rate
Costs Subject to Standards:				
General Services		\$38.05	\$46.64	
Dietary		8.00	9.93	
Laundry/Housekeeping/Maint.		7.18	8.11	
Subtotal	\$ <u>4.53</u>	53.23	64.68	\$53.23
Administration & Med. Rec.	\$	13.78	10.90	10.90
Subtotal		67.01	\$ <u>75.58</u>	64.13
Costs Not Subject to Standards:				
Utilities Special Services Medical Supplies & Oxygen Taxes and Insurance Legal Fees		1.95 1.89 3.50 1.55		1.95 1.89 3.50 1.55
TOTAL		\$ <u>75.90</u>		73.02
Inflation Factor (3.60%)				2.63
Cost of Capital				6.96
Cost of Capital Limitation				-
Profit Incentive (Max. 3.5% of A	Allowable Cost)			-
Cost Incentive				4.53
Effect of \$1.75 Cap on Cost/Pro	fit Incentives			(2.78)
Minimum Wage Add-On				25
ADJUSTED REIMBURSEMENT RATE	Ξ			\$ <u>84.61</u>

Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate For the Contract Period December 1, 1998 Through December 31, 1998 AC# 3-MAE-J7

	<u>Incentives</u>	Allowable Cost	Cost Standard	Computed Rate
Costs Subject to Standards:				
General Services		\$38.05	\$46.64	
Dietary		8.00	9.93	
Laundry/Housekeeping/Maint.		7.18	8.11	
Subtotal	\$ <u>4.53</u>	53.23	64.68	\$53.23
Administration & Med. Rec.	\$	13.78	10.90	10.90
Subtotal		67.01	\$ <u>75.58</u>	64.13
Costs Not Subject to Standards:				
Utilities Special Services Medical Supplies & Oxygen Taxes and Insurance Legal Fees		1.95 1.89 3.50 1.55		1.95 1.89 3.50 1.55
TOTAL		\$ <u>75.90</u>		73.02
Inflation Factor (3.60%)				2.63
Cost of Capital				6.96
Cost of Capital Limitation				-
Profit Incentive (Max. 3.5% of	Allowable Cost)			-
Cost Incentive				4.53
Effect of \$1.75 Cap on Cost/Pro	fit Incentives			(2.78)
Minimum Wage and CNA Add-Ons				1.00
ADJUSTED REIMBURSEMENT RAT	E			\$ <u>85.36</u>

Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate
For the Contract Periods January 1, 1999 Through September 30, 1999
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	Incentives	Allowable Cost	Cost Standard	Computed Rate
Costs Subject to Standards:			<u>5 5 6 1 1 4 6 1 4 </u>	
General Services		\$38.19	\$48.65	
Dietary		8.24	9.44	
Laundry/Housekeeping/Maint.		7.32	7.70	
Subtotal	\$ <u>4.61</u>	53.75	65.79	\$53.75
Administration & Med. Rec.	\$	13.78	10.38	10.38
Subtotal		67.53	\$ <u>76.17</u>	64.13
Costs Not Subject to Standards:				
Utilities Special Services Medical Supplies & Oxygen Taxes and Insurance Legal Fees		2.09 1.68 3.90 1.50		2.09 1.68 3.90 1.50
TOTAL		\$ <u>76.70</u>		73.30
Inflation Factor (3.60%)				2.64
Cost of Capital				7.06
Cost of Capital Limitation				(.52)
Profit Incentive (Max. 3.5% of A)	llowable Cost)			-
Cost Incentive				4.61
Effect of \$1.75 Cap on Cost/Profi	it Incentives			(2.86)
Minimum Wage and CNA Add-Ons				1.00
ADJUSTED REIMBURSEMENT RATE				\$ <u>85.23</u>

Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
For the Contract Periods October 1, 1998 Through December 31, 1998
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<u>Expenses</u>	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as Adjusted by DH&HS	Adjustmo <u>Debit</u>	ents <u>Credit</u>	Adjusted Totals
General Services	\$1,296,891	\$ -	\$ 5,157 (5) 40,693 (6) 2,818 (6) 1,775 (8) 61,054 (12)	
Dietary	254,640	-	5,262 (6)	249,378
Laundry	44,296	-	1,107 (6)	43,189
Housekeeping	124,447	-	3,546 (6)	120,901
Maintenance	63,376	1,460 (8)	1,205 (6) 4,036 (12)	
Administration & Medical Records	421,718	550 (3) 5,157 (5) 669 (6) 8,626 (8)	5,501 (6) 1,871 (12)	
Utilities	74,333	-	2,828 (3) 501 (8) 10,163 (10)	60,841
Special Services	71,375	-	12,434 (14)	58,941
Medical Supplies & Oxygen	113,923	1,539 (14)	2,203 (3) 198 (6) 3,943 (12)	109,118

Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
For the Contract Periods October 1, 1998 Through December 31, 1998
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	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as	Adjustm	ents	Adjusted
Expenses	Adjusted by DH&HS	<u>Debit</u>	Credit	Totals
Taxes & Insurance	49,028	-	609 (8)	48,419
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-
Cost of Capital	256,492	-	4,761 (1) 34,258 (8) 528 (15)	216,945
Subtotal	2,770,519	18,001	206,451	2,582,069
Ancillary	64,397	827 (3)	-	65,224
Non-Allowable	105,768	4,761 (1) 3,351 (3) 59,661 (6) 27,057 (8) 70,904 (12) 10,895 (14) 528 (15)		282,925
Total Operating Expenses	\$ <u>2,940,684</u>	\$ <u>195,985</u>	\$ <u>206,451</u>	\$ <u>2,930,218</u>
TOTAL PATIENT DAYS	<u>*31,156</u>			31,156

^{*}Adjusted to 97% occupancy

Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
For the Contract Periods January 1, 1999 Through September 30, 1999
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	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as	Adjustme		Adjusted
Expenses	Adjusted by DH&HS	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Services	\$2,566,525	\$ -	\$ 5,157 (5) 96,114 (7) 6,279 (7) 3,590 (9) 75,671 (13)	\$2,379,714
Dietary	525,737	-	12,314 (7)	513,423
Laundry	77,951	-	2,233 (7)	75,718
Housekeeping	268,463	-	9,368 (7)	259,095
Maintenance	125,840	3,005 (9)	2,923 (7) 4,387 (13)	
Administration & Medical Records	846,801	1,331 (4) 5,157 (5) 23,912 (9)	13,242 (7) 886 (7) 4,111 (13)	858,962
Utilities	152,446	-	5,655 (4) 982 (9) 15,610 (11)	130,199
Special Services	117,318	-	12,434 (14)	104,884
Medical Supplies & Oxygen	251,834	1,539 (14)	3,269 (4) 887 (7) 6,115 (13)	

Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
For the Contract Periods January 1, 1999 Through September 30, 1999
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	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as	Adjustm	onts	Adjusted
Expenses	Adjusted by DH&HS	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	
Taxes & Insurance	94,677	-	1,149 (9)	93,528
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-
Cost of Capital	513,852	2,136 (16)	7,523 (2) 68,801 (9)	439,664
Subtotal	5,541,444	37,080	358,700	5,219,824
Ancillary	132,606	827 (4)	-	133,433
Non-Allowable	283,142	7,523 (2) 6,463 (4) 144,246 (7) 47,605 (9) 90,284 (13) 10,895 (14)	2,136 (16)	588,022
Total Operating Expenses	\$ <u>5,957,192</u>	\$ <u>344,923</u>	\$ <u>360,836</u>	\$ <u>5,941,279</u>
TOTAL PATIENT DAYS	62,312	<u> </u>		*62,313

^{*}Adjusted to 97% occupancy

TOTAL BEDS

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Adjustment Report
Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
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ADJUSTMENT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEBIT	CREDIT
1	Fixed Assets Nonallowable Accumulated Depreciation Other Equity Cost of Capital	\$129,476 4,761	\$123,808 5,668 4,761
	To adjust fixed assets and related depreciation to allowable HIM-15-1, Section 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D (This adjustment applies only to the rate periods 10/1/98 - 12/31/98)		
2	Fixed Assets Nonallowable Accumulated Depreciation Other Equity Cost of Capital	271,507 7,523	199,619 71,888 7,523
	To adjust fixed assets and related depreciation to allowable HIM-15-1, Section 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D (This adjustment applies only to the		
3	rate periods 1/1/99 - 9/30/99) Retained Earnings Administration Ancillary Nonallowable Utilities Medical Supplies	303 550 827 3,351	2,828 2,203
	To properly charge expense applicable to the prior period, disallow expense not	t	

To properly charge expense applicable to the prior period, disallow expense not adequately documented, disallow expense not related to patient care and reclassify expense to the proper cost center HIM-15-1, Sections 2102.3, 2106, 2302.1 and 2304

DH&HS Expense Crosswalk

(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods 10/1/98 - 12/31/98)

Adjustment Report
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ADJUSTMENT <u>NUMBER</u>	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEBIT	CREDIT
4	Retained Earnings Administration Ancillary Nonallowable Utilities Medical Supplies	303 1,331 827 6,463	5,655 3,269
	To properly charge expense applicable to the prior period, disallow expense not adequately documented, disallow expense not related to patient care and reclassify expense to the proper cost center HIM-15-1, Sections 2102.3, 2106, 2302.1 and 2304 DH&HS Expense Crosswalk (This adjustment applies only to the rate periods 1/1/99 - 9/30/99)		
5	Medical Records Nursing To reclassify ward clerk salaries to the proper cost center HIM-15-1, Section 2304 DH&HS Expense Crosswalk	5,157	5,157
6	Medical Records Nonallowable Nursing Restorative Dietary Laundry Housekeeping Maintenance Administration Medical Supplies	669 59,661	40,693 2,818 5,262 1,107 3,546 1,205 5,501

To adjust fringe benefits and related allocation to allowable HIM-15-1, Section 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D

(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods 10/1/98 - 12/31/98)

Adjustment Report

Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997 AC# 3-MAE-J7

ADJUSTMENT			
NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEBIT	CREDIT
			
7	Nonallowable	144,246	
	Nursing		96,114
	Restorative		6,279
	Dietary		12,314
	Laundry		2,233
	Housekeeping Maintenance		9,368
	Maintenance Administration		2,923 13,242
	Medical Records		886
	Medical Supplies		887
	To adjust fringe benefits and related		
	allocation to allowable		
	HIM-15-1, Section 2304		
	State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the		
	rate periods 1/1/99 - 9/30/99)		
8	Maintenance	1,460	
	Administration	8,626	
	Nonallowable	27,057	
	Nursing		1,775
	Utilities		501
	Taxes and Insurance		609
	Cost of Capital		34,258
	To adjust home office cost allocation		
	to allowable		
	HIM-15-1, Section 2304		
	State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the		
	rate periods 10/1/98 - 12/31/98)		
9	Maintenance	3,005	
	Administration	23,912	
	Nonallowable	47,605	
	Nursing		3,590
	Utilities		982
	Taxes and Insurance		1,149
	Cost of Capital		68,801
	To adjust home office cost allocation		
	to allowable		
	HIM-15-1, Section 2304		
	State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the		

rate periods 1/1/99 - 9/30/99)

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ADJUSTMENT <u>NUMBER</u>	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEBIT	CREDIT
10	Other Income Utilities	10,163	10,163
	To properly offset income against related expense HIM-15-1, Sections 2102.3 and 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods $10/1/98 - 12/31/98$)		
11	Other Income Utilities	15,610	15,610
	To properly offset income against related expense HIM-15-1, Sections 2102.3 and 2304 State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods 1/1/99 - 9/30/99)		
12	Nonallowable Nursing Maintenance Administration Medical Supplies	70,904	61,054 4,036 1,871 3,943
	To remove special (ancillary) services reimbursed by Medicare State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods $10/1/98 - 12/31/98$)		
13	Nonallowable Nursing Maintenance Administration Medical Supplies	90,284	75,671 4,387 4,111 6,115
	To remove special (ancillary) services reimbursed by Medicare State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods $1/1/99 - 9/30/99$)		

Adjustment Report

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ADJUSTMENT <u>NUMBER</u>	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEBIT	CREDIT
14	Medical Supplies Nonallowable Special Services	1,539 10,895	12,434
	To adjust co-insurance for Medicare Part B services to allowable State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
15	Nonallowable Cost of Capital	528	528
	To adjust capital return to allowable State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods $10/1/98 - 12/31/98$)		
16	Cost of Capital Nonallowable	2,136	2,136
	To adjust capital return to allowable State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
	(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods $1/1/99 - 9/30/99$)		
17	<pre>Memo Adjustment: To increase total patient days by 1 to 62,313</pre>		
	(This adjustment applies only to the rate periods $1/1/99 - 9/30/99$)		
	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ <u>950,679</u>	\$ <u>950,679</u>

Due to the nature of compliance reporting, adjustment descriptions and references contained in the preceding Adjustment Report are provided for general guidance only and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
For the Contract Periods October 1, 1998 Through December 31, 1998
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Original Asset Cost (Per Bed)	\$ 15,618
Inflation Adjustment	2.1814
Deemed Asset Value (Per Bed)	34,069
Number of Beds	88
Deemed Asset Value	2,998,072
Improvements Since 1981	408,427
Accumulated Depreciation at 9/30/97	(1,205,268)
Deemed Depreciated Value	2,201,231
Market Rate of Return	0.067
Total Annual Return	147,482
Return Applicable to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	-
Allocation of Interest to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	
Allowable Annual Return	147,482
Depreciation Expense	71,463
Amortization Expense	4,027
Capital Related Income Offsets	(6,027)
Allocation of Capital Expenses to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	<u> </u>
Allowable Cost of Capital Expense	216,945
Total Patient Days (Minimum 97% Occupancy)	31,156
Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$6.96

Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
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6/30/89 Cost of Capital and Return on Equity Capital Per Diem Reimbursement	\$4.13
Adjustment for Maximum Increase	3.99
Maximum Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$ <u>8.12</u>
Reimbursable Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$6.96
Cost of Capital Per Diem	6.96
Cost of Capital Per Diem Limitation	\$ -

Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
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Original Asset Cost (Per Bed)	\$ 15,61	.8 \$ 15,618	
Inflation Adjustment	2.181	2.1814	
Deemed Asset Value (Per Bed)	34,06	34,069	
Number of Beds	8	88 88	
Deemed Asset Value	2,998,07	2,998,072	
Improvements Since 1981	408,42	480,869	
Accumulated Depreciation at 9/30/97	(1,205,26	(1,024,258))
Deemed Depreciated Value	2,201,23	2,454,683	
Market Rate of Return	0.06	0.067	
Total Annual Return	147,48	164,464	
Return Applicable to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	-	-	
Allocation of Interest to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers			
Allowable Annual Return	147,48	164,464	
Depreciation Expense	71,46	60,369	
Amortization Expense	4,02	27 4,262	
Capital Related Income Offsets	(6,02	(6,376)	
Allocation of Capital Expenses to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	_		Total
Allowable Cost of Capital Expense	216,94	222,719	\$439,664
Total Patient Days (Minimum 97% Occupancy)	31,15	31,157	62,313
Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$6.9	9 <u>6</u> \$7.15	\$ 7.06

Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
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6/30/89 Cost of Capital and Return on Equity Capital Per Diem Reimbursement	\$4.13		\$2.13
Adjustment for Maximum Increase	3.99		3.99
Maximum Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$ <u>8.12</u>		\$ <u>6.12</u>
Reimbursable Cost of Capital Per Diem		\$6.54	
Cost of Capital Per Diem		7.06	
Cost of Capital Per Diem Limitation		\$ <u>(.52</u>)	